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To: Microsoft ATR
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Dear Department of Justice,

Microsoft also known herein as MS has intentionally restricted use of the java programming language as an included feature in their new browsers, citing various and conflicting criteria for doing so. This prevents millions of websites with such existing technology from having it used, prohibits good and fair trade and stifles innovation. This feature can be worked around by the many of millions of developers who created the content at a tremendous expense in time and energy. A free web site that I developed (<http://www.SeeMyDesign.com>) and continue provide for the good of society, employs such technology and has been running successfully since 1997 but key features will become defunct because MS chooses to hurt the end user.

This removal of industry standard functionality (has been free and available for 5!! years in all browsers) is in light of MS bundling many other features in the operating system which have the effect of promoting and locking the users into the MS operating environment and in effect, becoming free to those that purchase a computer.

An example is the .mov movie MIME type that Apple computer utilizes to display their interactive content on the windows platforms. This change prevents Apple quicktime from properly displaying and playing in to name an example: Windows2000. No message or information is provided. This specific example can be seen when viewing Quicktime VR content. Not only does a message not pop-up in the browser indicating the content cannot be displayed, but nothing happens at all - which for the average user, won't know what action to take.

This small example is MS mode of operation and has been since the beginning. I urge, beg and entreat you to make mandatory, an invitation from MS to 3rd party vendors to include their windows-certified softwares with the MS operating system install media (CD's, etc.).

I also strongly feel that MS should be penalized for their past actions of which penalty should be of monetary nature and provide good to the whole of humanity such as providing learning material to schools, but NOT providing software and computer which exacerbate the problem.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues and for providing a conscience for those that do not know technology well enough to make informed decisions and those that do know it well enough but don't use alternative tools because comparable ones are bundled with the operating system. PLEASE contact me if you have any questions, need a voice or

would like additional opinions.

Sincerely,
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